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Couve Here for Talks With Johnson and Rusk

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French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville flew to Washington yesterday for talks with U.S. officials.

During his three days here, he will have one long session with President Johnson and several conferences with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and other officials. The talks will begin today.

Couve met with French President de Gaulle yesterday before leaving Paris. After a cabinet meeting, de Gaulle's government issued another call for an international conference, which would include Communist China, to end the Viet-Nam conflict and neutralize Southeast Asia.

For his part, Mr. Johnson laid the groundwork for the meeting with Couve by conferring with Charles E. Boh-

len, U.S. Ambassador to France.

Bohlen said at the White House that he did not expect Couve's visit to "change anything much." And he said he had seen no new specifics recently regarding de Gaulle's Southeast Asian neutralization proposals.

The official U.S. view is that the answer is for the Viet Cong guerrillas, North Viet-Nam and China to leave South Viet-Nam alone.

Another topic certain to come up in the next few days is de Gaulle's proposal that the world quit using the dollar and pound sterling as the basis for international exchange and return to the gold standard. The United States, with considerable support from other major financial powers, contends this would be unrealistic.